## Partners in Policymaking®

# Class 34

## **Session 7 – Federal Issues**

### April 7-8, 2017

#### **Competencies**

- 1. Participants will be able to prepare for and meet with Congressional delegation members or staff.
- 2. Participants will be able to identify critical federal issues and the process by which they can personally address their concerns.

#### **Homework**

- 1. Send a thank you/follow-up letter to the three congressional staff members you spoke with this weekend. In your letter, thank the staff member for giving up part of a Saturday to attend, and be sure to remind him/her about the specific federal issue you spoke to him/her about. A sample letter has been provided in Allan Bergman's handout materials.
- 2. If you did not meet with staff from both of your federal legislators (U.S. Senator <u>and U.S.</u> Representative), send him/her a letter or email about your thoughts on a specific federal issue. Bring a copy of your letter or email to the May weekend session.

#### **OPTIONAL:**

We encourage you to review again the online course, <u>Making Your Case</u> to supplement and strengthen your classroom learning from this month. Remember that this course DOES NOT require you to complete it in one sitting. A bookmarking feature is built in that marks where you left-off so you can easily pickup and continue your review at another time. Please complete and submit the Feedback Form for the course. You are welcome to download a Certificate of Completion if you would like or need to do so but <u>you do not need to provide us with a copy</u> of the certificate.

NOTE: If you are turning in this form as verification of homework, make sure you sign below!

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